

Claims:

1. A culinary peeler having an elongate blade bent or curved in its lateral dimension having at least one longitudinal opening extending along its length with a sharp cutting region adjacent the opening, wherein the

5 blade is of curved form in its longitudinal direction.

2. A culinary peeler according to Claim 1 wherein the blade has one longitudinal opening with a pair of opposed sharp cutting regions on opposite sides of the

10 opening.

3. A culinary peeler according to Claim 1 wherein the radius of curvature of the blade in the longitudinal

15 direction is in the range of 30 to 150mm.

4. A culinary peeler according to Claims 1 wherein the blade has a radius of curvature in the longitudinal direction of about 100mm.

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5. A culinary peeler according to Claim 1 wherein the blade has a curved form with a lateral curvature of radius in the range of 3 to 20mm.

6. A culinary peeler according to any preceding claim wherein the blade has a lateral curvature of radius of about 7mm.

5 7. A culinary peeler according to Claim 2 wherein the blade is pivotably secured at its opposite ends to allow a limited pivoting about its longitudinal axis.

8. A culinary peeler according to Claim 7 having a handle
10 and a planar blade support extending therefrom wherein the blade is constrained to allow pivoting from a first position where one limb of the blade on one side of the longitudinal opening lies coplanar with and abutting the blade support, and a second position
15 where the opposite limb lies coplanar with and abutting the blade support.